Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That was a mistake. The Head of the Department did not know the rules, and he was informed that he made a mistake. This was included in the budget and therefore he opened the institution before receipt of the orders from the Government. He was newly appointed as Head of the Department. He did not know the rules properly. He was informed that he committed a mistake.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was any appointment made to the newly started hospital?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. They were already in the service and they were as far as possible transferred.

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TRAINED MIDWIVES FOR KATTUR, PADIYUR, ETC.

2. **Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon** *(Kattur):*

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to supply trained midwives for Kattur, Padiyur and Porathisseri Panchayats;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to look into the conditions of these places and the difficulties experienced for want of properly trained midwives?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The question will be considered.

(*b*) Yes.

ADVOCATES OF TRICHUR AND ERNAKULAM—ASSESSMENT TO INCOME-TAX

3. **Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether any of the Advocates of the Trichur and Ernakulam Bars is assessed to income-tax for the years 1113, 1114 and 1115?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Official Receivers of Trichur and Ernakulam District Courts have been assessed to income-tax for the years mentioned in the question?

Mr. President: Does not the hon'ble member know that the assessments relating to income-tax are confidential?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I do not want the amount. I want an answer with regard to the persons as to whether they are assessed.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Even with respect to persons it will come under prohibition.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Questions like this have been answered in this House on previous occasions.

Mr. President: So many things have been done in this House before.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, under which section is it prohibited?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Under section 56 of Act VIII of 1108.

Mr. President: The Secretary to Government will be liable to prosecution if he answers that question *(Laughter).*

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS—SUPPLY TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

4. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Official Reports of the Cochin Legislative Council Proceedings are being regularly supplied to all the Heads of Departments;

(*b*) if not, to whom are they not supplied?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambaran *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is it supplied to all minor Heads of Departments such as Ayurveda, etc.?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* He is not a minor Head of Department.

PAWNBROKERS' BILL—INTRODUCTION OF

5. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has noted the comment of the Editor, "The Madras Mail" dated 15th August 1940, under the caption of 'Licensing of pawnbrokers' and also the summary of the 'Bill to control the

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